

# Law, Medicine and Teaching Degrees

## Possibilities to Study in Bavaria

International Students who would like to study Law, Medicine or a Teacher Degree Program, should keep in mind that those careers are one of the few programs in Germany that usually end in a State Examination instead of a Bachelor's or Master's degree.

This means that the exam regulations are not determined by the university, but by the Federal States and examinations take place under state supervision. Depending on the subject, the standard period of study averages between eight and twelve semesters. After completing the theoretical degree by sitting an initial state examination, there is a practical training phase that ends with the second state examination.

If you plan to study in one of those fields, you should consider that you might have to complete your career with a state examination. However, there are a few other programs, which could be interesting for international students. The following brochure is going to inform you about those study programs and the respective Bavarian universities that offer them.

## I. Master of Laws

### 1. Master of Laws – General Information

The LL.M. (Master of Laws) is an internationally recognized postgraduate law degree. An LL.M. is usually obtained by completing a one-year full-time program. Law students and professionals frequently pursue the LL.M. to gain expertise in a specialized field of law, for example in the area of tax law or international law. Many law firms prefer job candidates with an LL.M. degree because it indicates that a lawyer has acquired advanced, specialized legal training, and is qualified to work in a multinational legal environment.

In most countries, lawyers are not required to hold an LL.M. degree, and many do not choose to obtain one. An LL.M. degree by itself generally does not qualify graduates to practice law. In most cases, LL.M. students must first obtain a professional degree in law, e.g. the Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) in the United Kingdom or the *Juris Doctor* (J.D.) in the United States, and pass a bar exam or the equivalent exam in other countries, such as the *Zweites Staatsexamen* in Germany. While the general curriculum of the LL.B. and J.D. is designed to give students the basic skills and knowledge to become lawyers, law students wishing to specialize in a particular area can continue their studies with an LL.M. program. Some universities also consider students for their LL.M. program who hold degrees in other related areas, or have expertise in a specific area of law.

Graduation requirements for an LL.M. program vary depending on the respective university guidelines. Some programs are research-oriented and require students to write a thesis, while others only offer a number of classes that students must take to complete the course of study. Many LL.M. programs combine both coursework and research. Part-time programs are also available for professionals wishing to complete their LL.M. while working full-time.

Prospective students should be aware that there is no universal definition for the term LL.M. It is used in different ways by institutions around the world. Particularly in the United States and Germany, LL.M. programs are often designed to teach foreign lawyers the basic legal principles of the host country. In this regard, the LL.M. can help lawyers seeking to relocate and practice in another country, or expand their area of practice to multinational issues. The completion of an LL.M. program, however, does not automatically qualify foreign students to take the bar exam in their host country. In the U.S., for example, some states allow foreign lawyers to seek admission to the bar upon completion of an LL.M., while in other states, a J.D. is required.

LL.M. is an abbreviation of the Latin *Legum Magister*, which means Master of Laws. In Latin, the plural form of a word is abbreviated by repeating the letter. Hence, "LL." is short for "laws." Legum is the possessive plural form of the Latin word *lex*, which means "specific laws", as opposed to the more general concept embodied in the word *jus*, from which the word *juris* and the modern English word "justice" are derived.

**Source:** <https://llm-guide.com/what-is-an-llm> [01/17/2020]

**Possible careers:**

Legal advisor, management consultant, mediator, staff worker, insolvency administrator

**Possible employers:**

Banks and Saving Banks, insurance companies, internationally operating law offices

## 2. Which Bavarian universities offer a LL.M. program?

### 2.1 University of Augsburg

#### **Postgraduate Studies (LL.M.) for international graduates**

Study language German (evidence of linguistic proficiency required, C1/DSH2/TestDaF 4-5)

Fees: 121 75€ (62€ Studentenwerkbeitrag, 59,75€ Semesterticket) / semester

Contact person(s):

Dr. Stefan Lorenzmeier, LL.M., [stefan.lorenzmeier@jura.uni-augsburg.de](mailto:stefan.lorenzmeier@jura.uni-augsburg.de)

Michael Biesinger, LL.M., [michael.biesinger@jura.uni-augsburg.de](mailto:michael.biesinger@jura.uni-augsburg.de)

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#### **Postgraduate Studies "International economic law" (LL.M.)**

Study language German / English (evidence of linguistic proficiency required, C1 GER)

Fees: 121 75€ (62€ Studentenwerkbeitrag, 59,75€ Semesterticket) / semester

Dr. Stefan Lorenzmeier, LL.M., [stefan.lorenzmeier@jura.uni-augsburg.de](mailto:stefan.lorenzmeier@jura.uni-augsburg.de)

[https://www.jura.uni-augsburg.de/de/international/llm\\_deutsch/English\\_Version/](https://www.jura.uni-augsburg.de/de/international/llm_deutsch/English_Version/)

#### **Intellectual Property and Competition Law (LL.M., MIPLC)**

Study language English

Fees: 32,850.00€ / semester payable in three installments to the Max

Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition

The fee is due in three installments: EUR 3,000 as a non-refundable guarantee payment within four weeks after admission, EUR 16,450 by August 1, and EUR 13,400 by March 1 of the following year.  
Contact: [llm\\_rlw@jura.uni-augsburg.de](mailto:llm_rlw@jura.uni-augsburg.de)  
<https://www.miplc.de/llm-ip/curriculum/>

## 2.2 University of Bayreuth

### **LL.M. for international law students / lawyers**

2 semesters (10 months) and more, evidence of linguistic proficiency required, DSH2 or similar

Fees: 112,86 € / semester

Contact person(s): Kirstin Freitag, [magister-legum@uni-bayreuth.de](mailto:magister-legum@uni-bayreuth.de)  
<https://www.zivilrecht4.uni-bayreuth.de/de/lehre-studium/llm/index.html>

## 2.3 Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU)

### **Magister legum (LL.M.)**

Study Language German (evidence of linguistic proficiency required, C1/DSH2/TestDaF 4-5)

Fees: 117, 50€ / semester

Contact person(s):

Martin Preuße, [martin.preusse@fau.de](mailto:martin.preusse@fau.de)  
<http://www.jura.uni-erlangen.de/studium/llm/>

## 2.4 Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU)

### **Postgraduate Studies „Guidelines of German Law“**

Evidence of linguistic proficiency required, DSH2 or similar

2 applications necessary: dean (assessment of qualification) & International Office (registration at the university)

Fees: 138 €/semester

Contact person(s):

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[http://www.jura.uni-muenchen.de/studium/studiengaenge/aufbaustudiengaenge/aufb\\_dr/index.html](http://www.jura.uni-muenchen.de/studium/studiengaenge/aufbaustudiengaenge/aufb_dr/index.html)

### **Postgraduate Studies „European and international commercial law“**

Evidence of linguistic proficiency required, DSH2 or similar

2 applications necessary: dean (assessment of qualification) & International Office (registration at the university)

Fees: 138€ / semester

Contact person(s):

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[http://www.jura.uni-muenchen.de/studium/studiengaenge/aufbaustudiengaenge/aufb\\_eur/index.html](http://www.jura.uni-muenchen.de/studium/studiengaenge/aufbaustudiengaenge/aufb_eur/index.html)

## 2.5 University of Passau

### **LL.M. German Law for foreign graduates**

German language skills at level B2, DSH-1 or an equivalent certificate.

You need a good law degree from a non-German university, ranked among the 25% best graduates of your cohort.

Fees: 87€ / semester

Contact: [studierendensekretariat@uni-passau.de](mailto:studierendensekretariat@uni-passau.de); [advice@uni-passau.de](mailto:advice@uni-passau.de)  
<http://www.uni-passau.de/master-deutsches-recht/>

## 2.6 University of Regensburg

### **German Law (LL.M.) for foreign graduates**

Foreign jurists prove the qualification for the postgraduate studies by general university entry qualification and of a law degree from a foreign university that is equivalent with and corresponds to the German Law study course.

Fees: 165€ / semester

Contact person(s):

Julia Padua, [erasmus.mail@jura.uni-regensburg.de](mailto:erasmus.mail@jura.uni-regensburg.de)

Dr. Petra Fexer, [koordination.jura@ur.de](mailto:koordination.jura@ur.de)

<http://www.uni-regensburg.de/rechtswissenschaft/fakultaet/studieninteressierte/foreign/>

## 2.7 University of Würzburg

### **Postgraduate Studies LL.M. European Law**

German proficiency: DSH2 / DSH3 or equivalent\*

Fees: 143, 60€ / semester (including a ticket for local public traffic system)

Contact person(s):

Dieter Thoma, [dieter.thoma@uni-wuerzburg.de](mailto:dieter.thoma@uni-wuerzburg.de)

<https://www.uni-wuerzburg.de/en/international/studying-in-wuerzburg/degree-programmes/application/law-postgraduate-studies-llm/>

## 2.8 Technische Hochschule Nürnberg Georg Simon Ohm

### **Master of Business Law (LL.M.)**

Study language German (DSH-1 needed)

Fees: 118€ / semester

Contact person(s):

Irmgard Gleußner, [irmgard.gleussner@th-nuernberg.de](mailto:irmgard.gleussner@th-nuernberg.de)

<https://www.th-nuernberg.de/fakultaeten/bw/studium/master-wirtschaftsrecht-llm/>

## II. Medical Studies

### 1. General Information

If you wish to become a doctor in Germany you will need very good marks and a high level of discipline. A degree course in medicine takes a little over six years and finishes with the state examination. Bachelor's and Master's courses in health sciences are an interesting alternative. Medical graduates have an exciting and varied career. There are more than thirty areas of specialization available to choose from in Germany, from ophthalmology to forensic medicine. Which is why many freshers see a future as a doctor as a particularly attractive one. It can therefore be difficult to be accepted for one of the coveted places on a medicine degree course at German universities. Throughout Germany, a Numerus Clausus is applied. This is a course entrance restriction that is based on the mark received in the German Abitur, the school leaving certificate that gives right of entry to higher education at university or equivalent level. Some universities also require the "Medizinertest" (officially known as the Test für Medizinische Studiengänge (TMS) [Test for Degree Courses in Medicine]). The requirements are particularly high compared to other courses: the course is very learning intensive and includes many examinations.

#### Structure

A degree course in medicine takes at least six years and three months. In contrast to similar degree courses, such as health sciences and care management, it is not divided into Bachelor's and Master's courses; instead it ends with the state examination. The structure of the degree course is uniformly regulated throughout Germany by the Ärztliche Approbationsordnung (ÄApprO) (German Regulations on Medical Registration). The training differs from medicine degree courses in other countries in a number of aspects.

Stage I studies (four semesters) and the first of three sections of the Ärztliche Prüfung (state examination in medicine) are followed by stage II studies (six semesters). This brings you closer to professional practice. Finally, students complete a practical year (PJ) at a clinic or hospital. You work in surgery, internal medicine and on a ward of your choice. Your studies conclude with a second medicine examination, the state examination. After the oral part, graduates can request their license to practice medicine (Approbation). If you decide to become a consultant, you must expect to work as an assistant doctor for another five to six years.

#### Requirements

Good German language skills are absolutely essential to study medicine at a German university. Although specialist medical literature is often in English, lectures and examinations are usually in German. Very important: skills in natural science also play a major role, particularly in the first semesters. Colloquially referred to as the "Physikum", the Erster Abschnitt der ärztlichen Prüfung (Part One of the German Medical Licensing Examination) comprises subjects such as physics, chemistry, biology, physiology or anatomy. It presents a tough test for prospective doctors. Tenacity, empathy and an ability to handle stress well are necessary for anyone wanting to successfully complete a degree in medicine. These are all qualities that are also important later in the profession.

## Career prospects

Every year, some 10,000 graduates leave German universities with a degree in medicine. Outside the big cities, it is not hard to find a position in a hospital or as a doctor. General practitioners are particularly sought after in rural regions. Medicine is developing ever more rapidly and the German population is ageing. Patients therefore need to be treated more frequently and for more complex issues. This means that the job prospects for future doctors will also be extremely good in the future.

## Admission

Medical school admissions are centrally coordinated in Germany. There is a centrally restricted admissions policy (called a national “Numerus clausus” or “central NC”), because Medicine is one of those subjects for which there are more applicants than study places available. The admission process is conducted by the Stiftung für Hochschulzulassung (Foundation for University Admissions) (<http://www.hochschulstart.de/>).

It is recommended to contact the university of your choice well in advance (if possible, a year before you hope to begin your studies in Germany). This lead-up time will allow you to gather all the necessary information about admission requirements, the admission procedures and submission deadlines. When you contact a university, your first address should also be the International Office.

**Source:** [https://www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-studies/fields-of-study/human-medicine/medical-studies\\_35930.php](https://www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-studies/fields-of-study/human-medicine/medical-studies_35930.php) [01/21/20]

## 2. Study programs in Bavaria – Human Medicine

### 2.1 University of Regensburg

<b>Study Language:</b>	German (evidence of linguistic proficiency required: C1)
<b>Fees:</b>	165 € / semester
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<b>Homepage:</b>	<a href="http://www.uni-regensburg.de/medizin/fakultaet/studium/humanmedizin/index.html">http://www.uni-regensburg.de/medizin/fakultaet/studium/humanmedizin/index.html</a>

### 2.2 University of Augsburg

<b>Study Language:</b>	German (evidence of linguistic proficiency required: C1)
<b>Fees:</b>	121,75€ / semester
<b>Contact person(s):</b>	Susanne Graf, M.A. (Welcome Service?) Phone: +49 821 598 - 5952 Mail: <a href="mailto:susanne.graf@aaa.uni-augsburg.de">susanne.graf@aaa.uni-augsburg.de</a>
<b>Homepage:</b>	<a href="https://www.uniaugsburg.de/de/studium/studienangebot/uebersicht/humanmedizin-modellstudiengang-staatspr/">https://www.uniaugsburg.de/de/studium/studienangebot/uebersicht/humanmedizin-modellstudiengang-staatspr/</a>

## 2.3 Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU)

**Study Language:** German (evidence of linguistic proficiency required: C1)  
**Fees:** 117, 50 € / semester  
**Contact person(s):** Dr. Jürgen Gündel  
 Phone: +49 (0)9131 85-24051  
 Mail: [juergen.guendel@fau.de](mailto:juergen.guendel@fau.de)  
**Homepage:** <https://www.med.fau.de/studium/medizin/>

## 2.4 Medizin Erlangen-Nürnberg/Bayreuth

The first 4 semesters have to be completed in Erlangen, whilst the second part will take place in Bayreuth. It is a fairly new program (started in the winter semester of 2019/20) which means that further information will be provided.

**Study Language:** German (evidence of linguistic proficiency required: C1)  
**Fees:** 127 € / semester  
**Contact person(s):** Dr. Jürgen Gündel  
**Phone:** +49 (0)9131 85-24051  
**Mail:** [juergen.guendel@fau.de](mailto:juergen.guendel@fau.de)  
**Homepage:** <https://www.med.fau.de/studium/medizin-erlangen-nuernberg-bayreuth/>

## 2.5 Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU) and Technische Universität München (TUM)

Preclinical studies (4 semesters) in medicine are organized in cooperation between TUM and Ludwig-Maximilian-University (LMU) and are held mainly at LMU facilities. Clinical studies are held separately at either TUM or LMU. Non-EU-Members apply directly to LMU.

**Study Language:** German (evidence of linguistic proficiency required: C1)  
**Fees:** 138,00€ / semester  
**Contact person(s):** Lisa Lechner, M.A  
 Phone: +49 (0)89 4400 57654  
 Mail: [international.office@med.uni-muenchen.de](mailto:international.office@med.uni-muenchen.de)  
**Homepage:** <https://www.mecum.med.uni-muenchen.de/index.html>

## 2.6 Julius Maximilian University of Würzburg

**Study Language:** German (evidence of linguistic proficiency required: C1)  
**Fees:** 143,60 € / semester  
**Contact person(s):** Dieter Thoma  
 Phone: 49 (0)931 / 31 - 82228  
 Mail: [dieter.thoma@uni-wuerzburg.de](mailto:dieter.thoma@uni-wuerzburg.de)  
**Homepage:** <https://www.med.uni-wuerzburg.de/en/study-opportunities/human-medicine/>



### 3. Teaching Degree Programs

In recent years, most degree programs in Germany have been adapted to the international Bachelor's and Master's degree system; among the few exceptions to this rule are the civil-service track teacher education programs ("Lehramt"), which conclude with a State Examination in Bavaria. Recently, a few pilot projects have been launched for teaching programs that are adapted to the international Bachelor's and Master's degree system: Bachelor of Education and Master of Education.

**Sources:** <https://www.uni-passau.de/en/bed-seced/>; <https://www.studieren-in-bayern.de/studiengaenge/studiengaenge/> [01/29/2020].

#### 3.1 University of Passau (Bachelor/Master of Education Realschule)

**Study Language:** German (evidence of linguistic proficiency required: C1)  
**Fees:** 87 € / semester  
**Contact person(s):** [advice@uni-passau.de](mailto:advice@uni-passau.de)

**Homepage:** <https://www.uni-passau.de/en/bed-seced/>

#### 3.2 University of Regensburg (Bachelor/Master of Education Gymnasium)

**Study Language:** German, DSH-2  
**Fees:** 165€ / semester  
**Contact person(s):** Elli Wunderlich  
 Tel. +49 (0)941 943-2382  
[elli.wunderlich@ur.de](mailto:elli.wunderlich@ur.de)  
**Homepage:** <https://www.uni-regensburg.de/rul/studium/bachelor-master-of-education/index.html>  
**Subjects:** Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics

#### 3.3 Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (Master of Education Gymnasium)

**Study Language:** German  
**Fees:** 117,50€ / semester  
**Contact person(s):** Dr. Ulrike Fernolend  
 Telefon: 0911/5302-135  
 E-Mail: [ulrike.fernolend@fau.de](mailto:ulrike.fernolend@fau.de)  
**Homepage:** [https://www.fau.de/education/studienangebot/alle-studiengaenge/?studiengang=lehramtsbezogener-masterstudiengang-gymnasium-med#collapse\\_0](https://www.fau.de/education/studienangebot/alle-studiengaenge/?studiengang=lehramtsbezogener-masterstudiengang-gymnasium-med#collapse_0)

A full list can be found here: <https://www.studieren-in-bayern.de/studiengaenge/studiengaenge/>.